

REMARKS

Claims 6-11 are pending in this application. Applicant gratefully acknowledges that the Office Action indicates that claims 6 and 7 are allowed.

By this Amendment, claims 1-5 are canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. New claims 8-11 are added. No new matter is added. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) or, alternatively, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Satake (U.S. Patent No. 6,798,132). The rejections as they pertain to canceled claims 1-5 are now moot.

New claims 8-11 incorporate several features neither disclosed in nor obvious over Satake. Specifically, claims 8-11 incorporate several features of allowable claims 6 and 7.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 6-11 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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